

contractors in the prompt payment of their wages.

Resolved, That the interest on the surplus or unused money in the custody of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees shall be recorded as the people's, to be used only for the people's benefit, and to that end that the monthly balance be duly reported and all interest receipts be added to the principal sum for public use.

Resolved, That the earliest possible opportunity should be taken to obtain a full interpretation of the law by the Supreme Court of this State, and that all work under the act and all taxation necessary for the work be in strict accordance with such interpretation. And Resolved, That all candidates who accept a nomination by this convention pledge themselves to a strict adherence to the principles laid down in this resolution.

Of the nominees, John Spry is by all odds the best known and most popular. For weeks THE EAGLE, in season and out of season, has advocated the nomination of this gentleman for this high office, and it feels gratified over his selection. That he will be elected admits of no doubt, as his friends are legion in all parts of Chicago. He is especially strong with the workmen, having been a kind and generous employer and an upright citizen. Mr. Spry has been a resident of Chicago since his youth and has built up a reputation for sterling honesty and upright business methods, which have made his name a synonym for decency. Nine such Drainage Commissioners as John Spry would complete the proposed work in the shortest conceivable time and greatly benefit the people, especially in the saving of their money. He is now at the head of the John Spry Lumber Company, one of the largest and most important concerns of its kind in the world. His property interests in Chicago assure the public of the fact that Mr. Spry will permit no extravagance if he is in the Board. His record in public office has been a very fine one, and he served with credit as West Town Collector and Supervisor as well as County Commissioner. Mr. Spry has always run far ahead of his ticket, and is universally respected as a good citizen.

IRVING COY is an attorney for the Union Stock Yards Company, and lives in the Thirty-second Ward. He has held some local offices, was in the Legislature for a couple of terms, served as a member of the State Board of Equalization, and has been frequently mentioned as an aspirant for Congress. He is John B. Sherman's chief man.

GEN. JOSEPH STOCKTON is one of the best-known men in Chicago. He is in charge of one of the leading transportation companies, is a member of the Lincoln Park Board, was a gallant soldier of the Union army, and has been connected with nearly every patriotic and philanthropic movement in this city. He resides in the Twenty-fifth Ward. He is in his fifty-fifth year.

Gen. Stockton has positively declined to run.

BERMAN WEINHARDT, of the firm of Nieman & Weinhardt, is a German-American. He is in the furniture business. He is serving his first term as Alderman.

O. W. GUTHRIE was at one time Superintendent of the Bridgeport Pumping-Works. He is a civil engineer by profession, and has held some subordinate positions in his professional line. He lives in the Fourth Ward.

DEMOCRACY'S NEXT SHERIFF.

He Delivers His Inaugural as President of the County Board.

President George Edmanson delivered the following inaugural address at the first meeting of the new County Board:

"Great care and precaution will be necessary," he said, "in order to transact the county's business properly, and our individual attention must therefore be given to it so that our trusteeship of the people's interest will not invoke criticism instead of praise. Let the board continue in the footsteps of the board of 1889 in the treatment of the claims and warrants which are now outstanding against Cook County. They should not be considered at all. If the persons holding the so-called boodle claims have any remedy, let them enforce them in the courts. Let the salary of the members of the board be uniform. The practice of charging mileage is unfair and should be abolished. The so-called 'abstract' department in connection with the Recorder's office is a great expense to the county, but can not be abolished on account of a recent act of the Legislature. We should demand, however, that this department be re-organized. The Legislature should be asked to amend the law regarding the feeding of the prisoners in the County Jail. The County Hospital should be made a sheltering place for the unfortunate poor who fall sick. I do not think the taxpayers of this county want them treated

out or discharged in order to reduce the running expenses. I should favor that all restraints in the insane asylum should be abandoned. More room will be necessary in order that the present overcrowded condition shall be somewhat relieved. The poor house needs some changes which would add to the comfort of the inmates. Able-bodied inmates should be employed, and all vegetables and hay needed on the farm should be raised there by these people under the supervision of a competent farmer. A new detention hospital is needed. I would recommend that clothing be also given to the poor in addition to the supplies now furnished. The total amount of the county's bonded indebtedness is \$5,183,500, and the claims and warrants amount to \$216,866.07.

"The balance to the credit of the general fund, as appears from the Comptroller's statement for November, amounts to \$201,812.45. The valuation of real estate, personal property, including capital, and railroad property amounts to \$219,902,669, which, at the rate of 75 cents on the \$100 valuation, will yield \$1,649,270.01, and after deducting \$225,000 of liability on new indebtedness there remains for the year 1890 the sum of \$1,424,270.01, to which amount should be added estimated receipt from other sources—viz., \$620,000—making a total for the county purposes of \$2,044,270.01."

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